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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

AN OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS INCLUDES A LIGHT SOURCE AND A LIGHT DETECTOR PROVIDED ON A STEM FOR DETECTING SOURCE EMITTED LIGHT REFLECTED BY AN OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM; AND A LIGHT SEPARATING DEVICE, HAVING FIRST AND SECOND AREAS, FOR SEPARATING LIGHT INCIDENT THEREON INTO A PLURALITY OF LIGHT COMPONENTS RESPECTIVELY DIRECTED IN PRESCRIBED DIRECTIONS. THE LIGHT DETECTOR INCLUDES A LIGHT RECEIVER, DIVIDED INTO FIRST AND SECOND LIGHT RECEIVING REGIONS FOR RECEIVING THE LIGHT COMPONENTS DETECTED BY THOSE FIRST AND SECOND AREAS. THE FIRST AND SECOND LIGHT RECEIVING REGIONS ARE LOCATED IN A PREDETERMINED ORIENTATION DETERMINED IN PART BY A LIGHT EMITTING POINT OF THE LIGHT SOURCE AND A FOCAL POINT ON THE LIGHT DETECTOR. THE STEM MATERIAL AND THE WAVELENGTH EMITTED BY THE LIGHT SOURCE ARE SELECTED TO LIMIT MOVEMENT OF THAT FOCAL POINT IN THAT ORIENTATION IN RESPONSE TO TEMPERATURE CHANGE OF THE APPARATUS.